

Oviedo, Spain

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Program: Intensive Spanish Language and Culture,
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Major: International Studies

Earning the Language Immersion Badge:



I learned Spanish all throughout high school, and what I learned was never enough for me to become even remotely fluent. Living with a host family during my time abroad allowed me to get out of my comfort zone and make mistakes which improved my Spanish speaking skills more during this five-week program than

these past five years. It was also very helpful that I wasn't studying in a big city like Madrid or Barcelona since it would have been very easy to fall into the trap of not speaking in Spanish since most people in large cities know English. One of my favorite parts from the program was doing a scavenger hunt around Oviedo with our group. It was a nice end to my time in Spain because I got to walk around a city I had gotten to know extremely well in such a short amount of time. We also had to speak in Spanish during this event to do a cheese tasting, ask locals to take pictures of ourselves, and ask around for directions. I am extremely grateful for this program. In the future, I would love to live in a Spanish speaking country for an extended period of time to learn about another culture and to perfect my Spanish.



Transferable Skills:



I gained a lot of confidence while I was abroad. I used to be embarrassed to speak Spanish because I was so bad at it given that I had been studying it for five years. Today, I am still not that great at speaking Spanish but I learned that it's ok! I will only achieve my goal of fluency if I practice and

learn from my mistakes. I feel more comfortable practicing Spanish with my family and friends than I did before the program. It made me realize how lucky I am to have native Spanish speakers all around me and to take advantage of how they can help me improve my skills.

"Oviedo will be an important part of my life forever. Everyone I got to know including my host family and new friends played a huge role in making this such a positive experience.

¡Viva España!"